



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Approving the Applications for Two Transportation Planning Grants from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Coordinating Efforts to Submit Applications with the San Joaquin Council of Governments for Transit Grants from Caltrans; and Adopt Resolution Approving the Application for a REMOVE Grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2002

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt two resolutions: one approving the applications for two Transportation Planning Grants from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Lodi Avenue Community Enhancement Project and the Central Avenue/ Tokay Street Corridor Bike and Ped Circulation Enhancement Project and coordinating efforts to submit applications with the San Joaquin Council of Governments for Transit grants from Caltrans. The second resolution is in support of the application for a REMOVE grant from the SJVAPCD to construct a Park-and-Ride Lot.

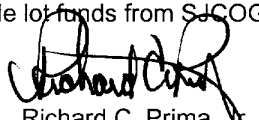
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: One of the goals of the City is to deliver projects that benefit the City and enhance the community. These grant programs are a beneficial step in achieving this goal. The planning grants, if approved, will supplement staff's efforts to develop context-sensitive plans and will aid in building community support by providing financial resources to conduct community-planning meetings. Caltrans is providing these grants as an opportunity to promote public involvement by diverse and underserved communities in the transportation planning process while improving mobility, access, equity and quality of life. Additionally, Caltrans is looking for projects which encourage community involvement and partnership.

The City is also working with the San Joaquin Council of Governments to apply for grants for Transit. The City's Transportation Manager is looking to apply for funding to assist in the development of a short-range plan to fully examine and plan for changes in the Lodi Urban Area designation that is determined by the Federal Government. Additionally, funding is being sought to fund training and professional development opportunities that are available for the City transit personnel to participate in and attend.

The third application is for a REMOVE grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. These funds are eligible for projects which reduce emissions from motor vehicles within the San Joaquin Valley. City staff is currently coordinating with the San Joaquin Council of Governments to construct a Park-and-Ride lot on Beckman Road between Victor Road and Pine Street to obtain Measure K funding for a portion of the costs. REMOVE grant funding would aid in funding the remainder of the costs.

A description of the projects has been included as an attachment. If the grant applications are successful, staff will return to the City Council for final approval.

FUNDING: Each grant requests a local match. The local match (12%) for the two transit grants will be provided with funds from the transit operations funds provided by the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The local match (10%) for the Lodi Avenue and Central Street projects will be provided by utilizing Measure K funds through the San Joaquin Council of Governments or other street funds. The REMOVE grant match is proposed to be matched utilizing Measure K Park-and-Ride lot funds from SJCOG.

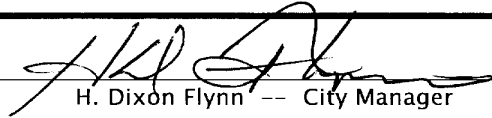

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Project Title: Central Avenue/Tokay Street Corridor Bike and Pedestrian Circulation Enhancement Project

Project Description: The Central Avenue/Tokay Street community is economically and ethnically diverse with many residents relying upon bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes of transportation. Central Avenue and Tokay Street are the principal routes that connect the neighborhood commercial areas along Lodi Avenue, Central Avenue, and Cherokee Lane, and the centrally located elementary school. The City is actively implementing the reconstruction of underground infrastructure in the area that facilitates an economical and timely enhancement of the surface improvements. Enhancing the area's ability to rely upon bicycle, pedestrian and transit will help maintain the economical vitality of the area and preserve the diversity that currently exists.

Work Currently Underway: The City is entering the streetscape design phase for the rehabilitation of Lodi Avenue that will connect with the Central Avenue/Tokay Street project. The water/wastewater replacement program is scheduled in the future to upgrade facilities in this area. The citywide street lighting program has recently installed new streetlights in this area.

Project Title: Lodi Avenue Community Enhancement Project

Project Description: This project is intended to promote a better quality of life for Lodi citizens. Funding for this program will be used by the City to design a unified multi-faceted project(s) creating a safer environment for both pedestrians and auto drivers in Lodi.

One of the means being proposed to accomplish this goal includes conducting community focus groups to determine a consensus for the project. Some of the other tools that would be utilized include using a community image survey to allow residents of the areas the opportunity to express what they want their community to look like, conducting a traffic study to determine potential impacts on the existing services people enjoy, and reviewing conceptual architectural and landscaping proposals to express a vision for the aforementioned corridors. Project tasks will be completed by both City staff and by outside consultants.

Work Currently Underway: The City is entering the streetscape design phase for the rehabilitation of Lodi Avenue.

REMOVE GRANT

Project Title: Central Lodi Park-and-Ride Lot

Project Description: The current Park-and-Ride lot located at the corner of Beckman Road/Victor Road adjacent to Highway 99 is heavily utilized. In an attempt to provide additional parking spaces that allow for an increase in carpooling, the City of Lodi is pursuing the development of a Park-and-Ride lot on the property currently occupied by the San Joaquin County Mosquito Abatement District on Beckman Road. The District is in the process of selling the site and staff is exploring the possibility of joint development with the private sector. This expanded Park-and-Ride lot would offer greater capacity than is currently available to ensure that the spaces are available to an increasing number of carpoolers.

Work Currently Underway: City staff is currently working closely with the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) to develop this facility. Measure K funding for Park-and-Ride lots is available through the SJCOG, and City staff has been coordinating their efforts with SJCOG to ensure that this project has their full participation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING APPLICATIONS
FOR TWO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANTS FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS),
AND FURTHER APPROVES COORDINATING EFFORTS TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS WITH THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR TRANSIT GRANTS FROM CALTRANS

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve applications for two Transportation Planning Grants from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for 1) the Lodi Avenue Community Enhancement Project, and 2) the Central Avenue/Tokay Street Corridor Bike and Ped Circulation Enhancement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves coordinating efforts by City staff to submit applications with the San Joaquin Council of Governments for Transit grants from Caltrans.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Applications on behalf of the City of Lodi.

Dated: October 16, 2002

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-202 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 16, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A "REMOVE" GRANT
FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICT

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WHEREAS, REMOVE grant funds are eligible for projects, which reduce emissions from motor vehicles within the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, City staff is currently coordinating with the San Joaquin Council of Governments to construct a Park-and-Ride lot on Beckman Road between Victor Road and Pine Street to obtain Measure K funding for a portion of the costs, and REMOVE grant funding would aid in funding the remainder of the costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the application for a REMOVE grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the REMOVE Grant Application on behalf of the City of Lodi.

Dated: October 16, 2002

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-203 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 16, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


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